

# ***Neighborhood News***

## **January Meeting Highlights**

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police Office Steven James updated us on burglaries in area homes. The homes that were burglarized had no lights on inside or out, their alarm systems had not been turned on, and their cellar doors were unlocked. Officer James recommended:

- Installing motion sensor lights outside your home
- Making sure doors and windows are locked at all times
- Reporting any suspicious activities to the police non-emergency number (610 437-7751) or, in an emergency, call 9-1-1
- Consider installing an alarm system in your home
- Turning on lights inside and outside your home

Neighbors voted to invite Freda Rafes from Crime Victims of Lehigh Valley to make a presentation to us on personal safety (see Our next meeting box). Tom Mulligan reported that some neighbors aren't shoveling their sidewalks after recent snowstorms (see article on page 2). Officer James responded to questions about the evacuation of neighbors in the 2000 block of Allen Street during a recent gas leak. As emergency personnel evaluated the leak, residents in the block were transported to a safe area. This is standard procedure in such an emergency. He recommended that we all look out for elderly and handicapped neighbors so that emergency personnel can help them get out of their homes safely. One neighbor asked when crime reports will appear in our newsletter. At press time, we're awaiting information on their resumption. A question arose about illegal businesses operating in area homes/garages. Neighbors were advised to call the Zoning Office (610 437-7630). The Parking Authority sent along this announcement: For those of you who pay to park at a meter, take advantage of our 'cash key' program. You can purchase a meter key, add as much 'parking' on the key as you'd like, then use it around town in place of coins at single space meters. Call Marge at 610 437-3366 x 221 for details.

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## **CALENDAR**



### **Our next meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 10**

**7:00 P.M**

**Christ E.C. Church**

**2135 Tilghman St.**

**Guest Speaker: Freda Rafes**

**Outreach Educator**

**Lehigh Valley Crime Victims**

**Council**

**"Personal Safety"**

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch  
meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each  
month at 7:00 P.M. at Christ E. C.  
Church 2135 Tilghman St., Lower  
Level

*We invite residents of any neighborhood  
in the city to join us!*

### **Future Meetings:**

**Wednesday, March 10**

**Wednesday, April 14**

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Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

***WANT TO PLACE AN AD?***

***CALL 610 821-7716***



Is there a house for sale in your neighborhood? Would you like the owner/realtor to know about the Student Overlay Guidelines? Call/email Al and Ev Habecker at 610-432-8032/ [aehabecker@msn.com](mailto:aehabecker@msn.com). Because of their tireless efforts to notify realtors of the guidelines, our neighborhood retains its residential character.

### Snow Removal

Property owners have ten hours after snow or sleet has stopped to clear a three foot wide path on the sidewalk. To report a location where snow hasn't been cleared, contact City Engineering, 610-437-7589.

### Practice Safe Snow Shoveling

The Allentown Health Bureau suggests the following guidelines to avoid or at least lessen back injuries and falls:

- Make sure that your grip and balance are solid.
- Tighten your abdomen as you lift.
- Keep the shovel close to your body.
- Bend your knees, not your back.
- Use the strength of your thigh muscles to bring you to an upright position.
- Increase your leverage by keeping your bottom hand low and toward the shovel blade. This allows you to use the strength of your arms and shoulders to take the load, instead of your back.